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In re Application of	:	OFFICE OF PETITIONS
Austin Gurney	:	
Application No. 10/697,599	:	LETTER REGARDING
Filed: October 29, 2003	:	PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Attorney Docket No. GNE-0125A	:	

This is in response to the "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT INDICATED IN NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE (37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b))" filed December 10, 2008. Pursuant to applicants' duty of good faith and candor to the Office, applicants request that the determination of patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) be reviewed for accuracy.

The request for review of the patent term adjustment is GRANTED.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is **540 days**. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On October 8, 2008, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment is 541 days. On December 12, 2008, applicants submitted the instant comment. Applicants disclose that they believe that the patent term adjustment indicated on the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment is incorrect and should be set at 540 days. Applicants state that the USPTO incorrectly entered the date of receipt of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) as October 29, 2007, instead of the correct date of October 30, 2007.

A review of the application history indicates that applicants are correct. The Office incorrectly entered the date of receipt

of the RCE as October 29, 2007, instead of October 30, 2007. Thus, the date of October 30, 2007, not October 29, 2007, should have been used for the purpose of calculating patent term adjustment. Accordingly, the period of adjustment of the term of the patent should have been reduced by 62 days (not 61 days), counting the number of days in the period beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing of the final Office action, August 30, 2007, and ending on the date the reply was filed, October 30, 2007. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). The period of reduction of 61 days will be removed and a period of reduction of 62 days will be entered.

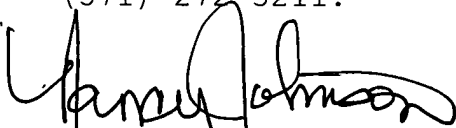
In view thereof, the correct patent term adjustment at the time of mailing of the notice of allowance is **540 days**.

As this letter was submitted to advise the Office of an error in applicants' favor, the Office will not assess the \$200.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.18(e). The Office thanks applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

Applicants are reminded that any delays by the Office pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(a)(4) and 1.702(b) and any applicant delays under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(10) will be calculated at the time of the issuance of the patent and applicants will be notified in the Issue Notification letter that is mailed to applicants approximately three weeks prior to issuance.

The Office of Data Management has been advised of this decision. This matter is being referred to the Office of Data Management for issuance of the patent.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision should be directed to Christina Tartera Donnell, Senior Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-3211.



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Enclosure: Copy of REVISED PALM screen

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/697599

Application Filing Date:	10/29/2003	PTO Delay (PTO):	658
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	117
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	540
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